

BANK WAS HELD UP

Daring Robbers Make a Haul in Broad Daylight

ROBBERS ESCAPE IN AUTO

One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars Taken From the Table in Presence of Bank Officials.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 15.—After assaulting the teller of the Peoria National bank and securing \$1200 from a table in his office, two robbers escaped with the aid of a fast horse, after terrorizing citizens by driving through the streets flourishing revolvers and threatening everyone that attempted to stop them with death. Although followed closely by a squad of police and a large posse of citizens, they escaped and are still at large.

The robbery was committed in broad daylight and was witnessed by a half dozen persons. The men drove up to the bank a few minutes before closing time and one of them, walking up to the window of the paying teller, Frederick Bracken, covered him with his gun and told him to turn over all of the money that was lying on the table in front of him. Bracken refused to do so and another bandit broke down the door into the cashier's room and coming up behind Bracken began to fill his pockets with money, at the same time leveling his gun at the man's head. Bracken resisted and tried to knock down the gun with the result that he was felled to the floor by a blow from the butt end of the robber's revolver. The men then took the money and escaped by a side door. Before the men had gone far they were followed by a shouting crowd. One of them stood up in the buggy and leveling two revolvers, threatened any one that should come within reach with instant death.

A squad of police chased the bandits for a distance of nearly a mile through the streets of the city when automobiles were brought into use by citizens. The horse driven by the men was a fast one, and after going about three blocks on the pursuers the bandits turned toward the Illinois river and disappeared in the underbrush.

A posse of several hundred men is scouring the country in the vicinity. The bandits seem to have disappeared completely.

Mr. Bracken, the teller of the bank was badly cut and he was unconscious for some time. It is supposed that the men caught a fast train for Chicago which passed the point where they left the buggy, soon afterwards, and Chicago officers have been notified.

FEDERATED TRADES COUNCIL.

Bill to Abolish Convict Labor Being Prepared.

Portland, Dec. 15.—If plans of the Federated Trades Council of Portland mature, the next session of the Oregon State legislature will pass a bill that will effectually prevent convict labor from competing with free labor or union labor.

The legislative committee is at work now on the bill, which the council expects to be introduced at the next session of the legislature, and will have it finished in time for the opening of the session. The exact provisions of the bill are unknown, but that it is a blow at convict labor when it threatens free labor is freely admitted. The effect of the bill will be to restrict the sale of prison-made goods where those goods compete with union-made goods.

Members of the legislative committee, who are A. W. Jones, Henry Kundret, Webster, Wolfken and Berven, refuse to state anything definite concerning the new bill, but freely admit the movement is well under way, and that they have good hopes of a successful ending to the project.

"The Federated Trades Council of Portland," said Mr. Jones this morning, "decided after much consideration and debate that it was not fair to the laboring man to have goods which cost as little in the making as prison-made goods do, placed in direct competition with the results of their own labor."

"We make no objection to convict-made goods or to convict labor where it does not conflict with free labor, and our bill does not say anything adverse to that."

Just who will agree to introduce the bill is not known, as no move has yet been made to decide on a legislator for the task. The attitude of the state officials, especially those who have charge of the Oregon penitentiary, is well known. The work of the convicts helps pay the expenses of the operating cost of the penitentiary, and thus cuts down the appropriations necessary to run the state's penal institution.

After Their Scalps.

Cottage Grove, Dec. 15.—State Game Warden Baker of this city is on the warpath again. This week he reported the conviction of C. R. Boone at Hood River on the charge of letting

sawdust in the river. It cost him \$25 and costs. A man by the name of Dunnaway, of Roseburg, was fined \$5 and costs for catching 16 salmon at a dam.

MUST VOTE WITH REPUBLICANS

Democrats Elected on Republican Ticket Must Stand With Party.

Brooklyn, Dec. 15.—In a decision handed down yesterday afternoon by Supreme Court Justice Dickey, a supervisor of Rockland county is ordered to vote with his republican colleagues in the matter of designating a county newspaper for public printing.

The case at issue was that of George B. Helmle, editor of the "Rockland County Journal," against Oscar C. Reynolds, democratic supervisor of Rockland county, in which the plaintiff applied to the court for a preperatory writ of mandamus compelling the defendant as supervisor to vote with the republicans on the board in designating plaintiff's paper as the official organ of the county.

Justice Dickey, in a memorandum handed down with the decision, says "Relator accepted the nomination for supervisor and ran on the republican ticket, as well as on the ticket of the citizens' party. Another person ran for the same office as this nominee as a representative of the democratic party against him. The relator was not voted for as representing the democratic party. Having accepted the election, willingly or unwillingly, he continues to be the representative of the republican party, although personally a democrat, and now when it becomes necessary to act in the selection of two party newspapers, one for each of the dominant parties, as between the democratic supervisors who were elected as such and the relator, his place is on the republican side as its chosen representative."

"I am very loath in these days, when republicans are plenty and democrats so scarce, to compel a democrat to act as a republican, but the relator having accepted the fruits of his victory, must act in this matter as a republican representative. Motion granted with costs."

A NEGRO KILLED.

Tried to Cut an Officer and Was Killed.

Irwinville, Ga., Dec. 15.—This afternoon at 4 o'clock B. M. Pollock shot and killed Amos Williams, a negro. Williams came to the town loaded with whiskey, raised a row with Mr. Pollock and they engaged in a fight. Pollock seems to have got the best of him and Williams got his shotgun and Winchester, came back to town and hunted for Mr. Pollock.

Pollock had been warned of Amos' actions and kept out of his way. Williams, failing to find Pollock in town, started toward his home, saying that he would kill him.

A crowd of white citizens hastily formed a posse and soon overtook him, took his gun from him, arrested him and started to carry him to jail.

When he got in sight of the jail he said he would die before he would go further. He jerked loose and drew his knife and tried to cut Pollock, when Pollock drew his pistol and shot him four times, killing him instantly. Pollock is an ex-sheriff of Wilcox county.

Several ladies on a nearby veranda saw the shooting and fainted. A crowd of citizens patrolled the streets with guns for awhile, fearing further trouble with the negroes. All is quiet now.

SUIT ENDED.

Receiver Is Still Doing Time in Joliet Town.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Closing eight years of litigation, the final decree in the receivership proceedings for E. S. Dreyer & Company which brought the failure of the banking firm and the subsequent prosecution of Edward S. Dreyer and Robert Berger has been entered by Judge Cavanaugh. The receiver's report shows there is a surplus of \$30,236 from the assets of the bank which is to be distributed among the creditors and depositors, 2½ per cent being given to each. This exhausts the final revenue and property and probably will be the last dividend. Dreyer is still serving his term in the state penitentiary at Joliet. Berger, his partner, was pardoned a few years ago.

TO BENEFIT "LUNGERS"

Illinois People Want Quarter of a Million for Work.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—At a meeting of physicians held here preliminary steps have been taken for the organization of the Illinois society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. The plan is to concentrate the efforts of the state board of health, the Illinois Medical society and the committee on tuberculosis of the Visiting Nurses association of Chicago.

The first work of the society will be to try to secure a \$250,000 appropriation for a state sanitarium where researches can be conducted and consumptives treated. The next step will be to establish branches. Particular attention will be devoted to out of door camps.

The czar oughtn't to complain of the cost of the war so far as Kuropatkin is concerned. He never makes an advance, but he re-trenches.

SECRETARY OF STATE

His Annual Report in Hands of Printer

MANY SUGGESTIONS MADE

Estimates That the Expenses of Maintaining the State Will Exceed One Million Dollars.

Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar in his bi-ennial report to the state legislative assembly which is now in the printers' hands, is a comprehensive document, showing the state and condition of the state's buildings under his care and other things too numerous to mention.

He has closed his accounts so that the claims against the state up to the end of September are included in it.

Among other recommendations Mr. Dunbar suggests the abolishment of the agricultural college and various other funds, and that the amounts be arranged so they can be paid out of the general fund at any time. He finds objection in that these funds have to be always on hand while other funds are out of money. "A multiplicity of funds is a source of extra work frequently tying up money needed for other purposes, and when they are disbursed through other channels than this office as other expenses of the state government, are not always accounted for."

Among his estimates for the expenses of the state government during the coming two years there appears \$20,000 for the state fair premium list, and all the general expenses as provided by law, and he says: "While the estimated amount of revenue required for state purposes for the year 1905 to be apportioned January next cannot be foretold with any absolute certainty, the probabilities are that it will exceed a million dollars, due principally to the necessity of providing for the remainder of the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition and to deficiencies in the appropriations for the expenses of the asylum and penitentiary, and for public printing for the years 1903 and 1904, and to a smaller amount of receipts from miscellaneous sources."

Blew His Head Off.

Great Falls, Dec. 15.—When a clerk in the office of the roadmaster of the Montana Central railroad returned from lunch about 1 o'clock this afternoon he found Asa G. VanGorder, until recently the general bridge foreman of the company, sitting in a chair with a shotgun between his knees and the entire left side of his head blown off.

There is no doubt that VanGorder had deliberately taken his life. He was alone in the office when he committed the deed, and it was done some time between 12 and 1 o'clock. VanGorder's motive was undoubtedly despondency. His office of bridge foreman was abolished by the company Saturday, and it is believed that the man saw no prospect of immediate employment. A further discouraging fact was that his wages were garnished for a debt today.

VanGorder leaves a widow and two children. The family has lived in Great Falls for about a year and are well thought of.

Economy in Department.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The secretary of the treasury has recommended to congress that the custom house at Eureka, Humboldt county, be discontinued and that the office be made dependent upon the collector of this port. It took \$5.55 last year to collect \$1, the expenses of the office being \$2200 and the receipts \$416.

If congress does not act upon the matter the treasury department will probably get a presidential order consolidating this port and Eureka with one port of entry and with a deputy collector at Eureka.

Smallpox in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—Considerable uneasiness is felt over a threatened smallpox epidemic in Virginia this winter. The infection has been scattered over the state by negroes from railroad camps, and it has broken out in more or less virulent form in a number of places.

The board of health of Virginia, which is without appropriations, can do little except advise the local officers. The greatest danger lies in the disinclination of the people to be vaccinated.

Grievance Adjusted.

San Bernardino, Cal. Dec. 15.—The engineers and the fireman of the Santa Fe have adjusted their differences which threatened to cause a strike on the coast lines of the Santa Fe system. The exact terms of the settlement have not yet been made public.

The story is that Mr. Carnegie has started an investigation of Mrs. Chadwick's past, while the pesky courts appear to be determined on settling her future.

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Worst of All Experiences.

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